

Appl. No. 10/630,493
Docket No. AA541MC
Amtd. dated Jan. 12, 2007
Reply to Office Action of Dec. 21, 2006
Customer No. 27752

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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 21-27 have been withdrawn as a result this restriction requirement.

Response to Requirement for Restriction of Inventions

The Office has required, under 35 USC §121, election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. More specifically, the Office alleges that the inventions are grouped as follows:

- I. Claims 1-20 drawn to a mask composition comprising a water insoluble substrate and a liquid composition comprising (a) a skin tone changing agent, (b) a water soluble thickening agent and (c) an aqueous carrier, classified in class 424, subclass 78.03.
- II. Claims 21 drawn to a method of preparing the liquid composition comprising (a) dispersing the water-soluble thickening into water, (b) adding the skin tone changing agent to the product and (c) mixing until homogenous, classified in class 424, subclass 78.03.
- III. Claims 22 drawn to a method of preparing the liquid composition comprising (a) dispersing the water-soluble thickening into a humectant, (b) adding the skin tone changing agent to the product and (c) mixing until homogenous, classified in class 424, subclass 78.03.
- IV. Claims 23-27 drawn to treating the facial skin comprising (a) applying the mask, (b) allowing the mask to stand on the facial, (c) removing the mask and (d) removing the remainder liquid composition on the facial skin, classified in class 514, subclass 113.

Pursuant to this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I including Claims 1-20. Claims 21-27 are have been withdrawn in order to preserve the right of rejoinder per MPEP § 821.04. As the Office notes, if the elected product claims are found allowable, the withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claims will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

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CONCLUSION

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments presented herein and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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